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NEW ISRAEL CABINET CRISIS DEVELOPING; COALITION FAILS TO SATISFY ORTHODOX DEMANDS

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A new Israel Government crisis is in the making and may break out at any moment, it was learned here today. The reason for the latest development appears to be the inability of the five-man Ministerial committee to resolve the demands of the Religious Bloc on the religious education of children in the immigrant work centers.

Meanwhile, Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Minister for Religion and leader of the Mizrahi Party, has been asked not to continue his trip to the United States until the situation is clarified. Rabbi Maimon, who is now on the Riviera en route to the U.S., has been informed of the situation by cable. He was scheduled to arrive in the U.S. next week.

The situation within the five-Minister body -- which is headed by Premier David Ben Gurion -- "blew up" last night. Subsequent efforts to bridge the gap between the Religious Bloc and other members of the coalition have failed. The next major development is expected at Thursday's meeting of the full Cabinet.

Sources close to the Orthodox leaders assert that this time the crisis will not take the form of resignation of Orthodox Ministers from the Cabinet. Instead, they say, the Religious Bloc will insist upon new national elections. This demand may be presented to the Cabinet Thursday.

ISRAEL-EGYPTIAN ARMISTICE COMMISSION MEETS; DISCUSSES EGYPT'S BLOCKADE OF SUZ CANAL

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The special mixed Israeli-Egyptian armistice commission met today under the chairmanship of Gen. William E. Riley, U.N. Chief of Staff for Palestine, and discussed the question of Egypt's blockade of the Suez Canal and its removal of Israel-bound consignments from ships passing through the Canal.

An official communique issued after the meeting said that the discussions were adjourned until further legal investigation is completed. Gen. Riley must report to the U.N. Security Council not later than Feb. 17 on the success or failure of the discussions.

An Israel military spokesman today declared that Egypt's action in blockading the Suez Canal for Israel is a hostile act "infringing upon the freedom of the seas." The Israel representative at today's parley was Lt. Col. Yosef Barak, Lt. Col. Yosef Barak.

ISRAEL'S MILITARY ATTACHES IN U.S., BRITAIN, FRANCE AND TURKEY SUMMONED TO TEL AVIV

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Israel's military attaches abroad have been summoned home for routine consultations, a military spokesman announced here today. The attaches are: Col. Vivian Herzog of the Washington Embassy; Col. Ezer Weizman of the London Ministry; Col. David Shaltiel of the Paris Ministry; and Col. Uri Shai of Ankara Ministry.

JORDAN PRESENTS U.N. WITH FAIT ACCOMPLI; INSTALLS "PROTECTOR" OF JERUSALEM HOLY PLACES

JERUSALEM, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- In a move to present the United Nations and the Christian world with a fait accompli and to forestall the functions of a United Nations Commissioner for the Holy Places in Jerusalem, the Jordan Government yesterday officially installed Rachel Hashahibi, former Arab mayor of Jerusalem, as "Supreme Guardian of the Holy Places." Mr. Hashahibi is a member without portfolio of the Jordan Cabinet.

Catholic circles indicated today that they consider the move a violation of the status quo in relation to the Holy Places. Israel observers pointed out that in the proclamations issued in connection with the Hashahibi installation, the Holy Places over which he will be the guardian are not specified, and would seem to include the Wailing Wall and other Jewish Holy Places.

The installation ceremony took place at Rowda College, seat of the Jordan Government in the Old City of Jerusalem. It was attended by members of the Jordan Cabinet and by diplomatic representatives of Great Britain, United States, Netherlands, Turkey and Greece. However, it was boycotted by the Apostolic delegate, the Latin Patriarch and the diplomatic representatives of France, Belgium, Italy, Spain and other Catholic countries.

Also absent from the ceremony were the Consuls of Iran, Ethiopia and Switzerland. The Consuls of Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia were not invited.

U.N. GROUP SENDS TWO EXPERTS TO ISRAEL TO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON AGRICULTURAL PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Two technical assistance experts will leave for Israel in the near future under auspices of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization as a result of an agreement signed today at F.A.O. headquarters by Israel Ambassador Abba Eban and Dr. F.T. Wahlen, chief of the expanded technical assistance program of F.A.O.

The experts will advise Israel for a period of one year. One of them will be an expert in land use, who will determine which lands are best adapted for grazing, forestry, and the production of crops. The second will be an expert in range management with special knowledge of semi-arid conditions prevailing in much of Israel.

ILSE KOCH'S LAWYER INTENDS TO APPEAL LIFE IMPRISONMENT VERDICT OF GERMAN COURT

MUNICH, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Ilse Koch, the "Witch of Buchenwald" who was sentenced yesterday to life imprisonment for atrocities against the inmates of the Buchenwald concentration camp, was lodged today in the women's prison at Aichach, near Augsburg. Her lawyer said that he would appeal the verdict to the West German Supreme Court.

It was the second life sentence for her. The first, imposed by an American war crimes court in 1946, was committed to four years and she was released last year. She was immediately rearrested by the Germans. Yesterday's sentence was issued by a German court of three judges and six lay jurymen. The trial lasted seven weeks.

TURKEY, SWEDEN, FINLAND WILL GET KAISER-FRAZER CARS ASSEMBLED IN ISRAEL PLANT

TEL AVIV, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Turkey, Sweden and Finland will get the bulk of Kaiser-Frazer automobiles assembled in 1951 at the new assembly plant near Haifa, the Jewish Telegraphic Agency learned today. The arrangements were made under trade agreements. The plant is expected to turn out 20 cars a day.

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MIZRACHI CRITICIZES CINCINNATI REFORM LEADERS FOR BOYCOTTING ISRAEL'S MINISTER MAIMON

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Pinkhos Churgin, president of the Mizrahi Organization of America, today issued a statement severely criticizing Dr. Nelson Glueck, president of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, for declining an invitation to be among the local sponsors of a visit to Cincinnati of Rabbi Judah L. Maimon, Israel Minister of Religion. Rabbi Maimon is scheduled to arrive in the United States on January 23 for a four-week tour arranged by the Mizrahi organization.

Dr. Glueck and a number of other leaders of the Reform movement in Cincinnati declined the invitation, declaring that they questioned the status of religious freedom in Israel today, especially for non-Orthodox Jews. Those who joined Dr. Glueck in turning down the invitation include Lester A. Jaffe, chairman of the board of the Hebrew Union College, and Philip Meyers, vice-president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

In his statement, Dr. Churgin charged Dr. Glueck and his group with "acting in extraordinary bad faith which ill becomes any leaders in the American Jewish community." Dr. Churgin said that Rabbi Maimon, as a member of the Israel Cabinet, "at the very least deserves the same de jure recognition which these Reform religious leaders accord to non-religious or even anti-religious ministers from Israel." He pointed out that Dr. Abba Hillel Silver, also a Reform rabbi, accepted the honorary chairmanship of the reception committee formed in Cleveland for Minister Maimon.

ANNA ROSENBERG'S ACCUSERS MAY FACE PERJURY CHARGES; SENATE COMMITTEE STARTS ACTION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Senate Armed Services Committee, which unanimously cleared Assistant Secretary of Defense Anna M. Rosenberg of accusations of being a Communist, yesterday moved toward a court test of whether Mrs. Rosenberg's accusers can be charged with perjury.

The committee asked the Justice Department to determine whether there is evidence of perjury on the part of those who testified against Mrs. Rosenberg. Attorney General J. Howard McGrath was told by the committee that from the testimony there "appears to be a distinct possibility some of the witnesses may have committed perjury, subornation of perjury or perhaps other criminal offenses."

GEORGIA LEGISLATURE PASSES BILL AIMED AT CHECKING ACTIVITIES OF KU KLUX KLAN

ATLANTA, Georgia, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- In an effort to check Ku Klux Klan activities, the Georgia House of Representatives passed a bill outlawing the hood and mask of the Ku Klux Klan and banning the burning of crosses on private property without the owner's consent. The bill, which was passed by a vote of 149-1, now goes to the Senate.

NEW YORK SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS "RELEASED TIME" FROM SCHOOL FOR RELIGIOUS TRAINING

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- The Appellate Division of the State Supreme Court in Brooklyn yesterday upheld the constitutionality of the state's "released time" program whereby children are excused from school one hour a week to attend religious classes conducted off the school grounds.

ISRAEL DIPLOMATS ASSIGNED TO FOUR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES CONFER IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- A conference of Israel diplomats and "honorary Israel consuls" from Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile under the chairmanship of Yaacov Tsur, Israel Minister to all four countries, concluded here today.

A communique issued after the conference revealed that the parley considered the various technical problems concerned with representing Israel interests on several diplomatic levels. It added that "a number of conclusions were reached" which are expected to lead to great efficiency in the various consulates. Israel's position on the world scene was also discussed.

NINE AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS SEND REPORTERS TO ISRAEL FOR THREE-WEEK SURVEY

NEW YORK, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Nine newspapermen representing major metropolitan dailies across the country will leave tomorrow on a survey trip to Israel to report on the immigration, settlement and rehabilitation programs supported there with funds raised through the United Jewish Appeal, it was announced by Edward M.M. Warburg, General Chairman of the U.J.A.

The newspapermen will spend three weeks in Israel, during which time they will inspect reception camps and "work villages" for newly-arrived immigrants from Europe, North Africa and the Near East. They will also tour Israel's major cities and meet with top Israel Government officials, including Premier David Ben Gurion.

Making the trip aboard a TWA Constellation are: George Carroll, New York Journal-American; Harry B. Wilson, St. Louis Globe-Democrat; Otto Zauser, Boston Globe; Grace Davidson, Boston Post; Dickson Preston, Cleveland Press; Max Wiener, Newark News; David Karno, Chicago Sun-Times; Richard Pearce, San Francisco Examiner; and George Cassidy, Brooklyn Eagle. Upon return from Israel, several of the newspapermen will stop in Paris to inspect homes for refugees and other installations maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee.

P.S. GOURGEY NAMED TO REPRESENT INDIAN JEWRY AT FORTHCOMING WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

BOMBAY, Jan. 16, (JTA) -- P.S. Gouragey, honorary secretary of the Bombay Zionist Association, will represent Indian Zionists at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress this summer.

He was declared elected when the only other candidate for Indian Zionism's single seat to the Congress, H. Cynovitz, failed to obtain the necessary signatures to a nominating petition. Mr. Gouragey, a non-party man, is known to incline toward Orthodoxy.

At previous congresses, the Indian delegation has also represented the 4,500 Jews of Afghanistan, but this time Afghan Jews are attempting to send their own representative, according to reports from Kabul, where many of the Afghanistan Jews live. The basis for their representation, however, is not clear because it is known that no shekolim -- symbol of membership in the Zionist movement -- were sold in the country.

SALVADOR ROSENTHAL, INDEPENDENT, NAMED COLOMBIAN DELEGATE TO WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS

BOGOTA, Colombia, Jan. 16. (JTA) -- Dr. Salvador Rosenthal, an independent, has been named to represent Colombian Zionism at the forthcoming World Zionist Congress in Jerusalem this summer, it was announced here. M. Iarnar, a Kipat representative, and Gregorio Kaplan, Hashomer Hatzair, are alternate delegates.

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